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"WAR and rumors of war."

MORE bonds means more populist votes.

You can't vote the populist ticket without voting for silver men.

THE great issue is "more bonds and less money" or "more money and less bonds." On which side of the fence are you?

NEVER was there more political excitement and never will there be a hotter campaign waged than this year. Put your shoulder to the wheel.

At the present rate of increase in our indebtedness we will soon be in the condition of Egypt. The interest will consume everything that labor can produce.

THE Kansas populists held two state conventions, the first on March 18th to elect delegates to the national convention, and the latter to nominate state officers on August 5th.

THE American people have shown themselves capable of solving any political problem presented to them. And we shrink from the idea that they will not right the present difficulties.

It is amusing to hear our republican friends crying for McKinley and at the same time claim to favor free silver. You must sacrifice McKinley or the principle of a double standard.

THE Chicago Tribune in a recent issue says: "The majority of the present Senate is composed of the most unpatriotic, contemptible and vicious set of men who have ever held seats in that body."

ALREADY Cleveland has expressed his regret that the last bond issue was only one hundred million dollars instead of two hundred million and he says that another issue of \$100,000,000 is sure to be required.—Arbor State.

THE war in Nebraska between the Manderson and McKinley forces goes merry on, and the fight in the convention promises to present a novel scene. Wonder if Cherry county will stand by the home man.

SPAIN is very much excited over the action of the house and senate in passing a bill to recognize the rights of the Cuban insurgents. Several anti-American demonstrations were made in Spain and the American flag trailed in the dust.

EIGHTY per cent of the voting population are laboring men. And the voters are responsible for the present condition of the laboring man. Were it not for the distress of the innocent women and children we would say: good enough.

THE Omaha World-Herald on March 4th published a "stand up for Nebraska" edition containing 28 columns of sound matter setting forth many facts and comparison advantageous to Nebraska and inductive to capitalists and farmers alike to come to our great state. This addition of the World-Herald should be scattered broadcast.

GENERAL MANDERSON said in a recent speech that the next republican national platform would be candidly and honestly built, and would avoid subterfuge and double dealing. Not contented with having it clear, he insisted that it must be emphatic. Will they do it? Many voters are waiting to see. Thousands favor free silver and will vote for nothing else.

ABOUT a hundred sacks of goldbug literature was mailed from the state house last week. It is manufactured in Wall street and sent here and distributed by the republican hoodlums. Wall street pays the bill. The farmers of Nebraska ought to go into perpetual servitude if they are fooled with such stuff as that.—Nebraska Independent.

THE great railroad systems of America are owned in England and every raise in rates increases our tribute to that country.

THE republicans are coming to realize that they will not have such a walk-a-way in the coming elections as they thought a few months ago. There will be a fight.

THE time for city election is not far distant. About time for caucuses. What will the issue be? Occupation tax and no saloons we have heard suggested.

WE gather from the numerous exchanges that come to this office that at last the people of the state are becoming fully aroused. Meetings are being held every where in the small cities and towns to discuss the situation. Everywhere the people seem to be of the same mind, and that is that the contraction of the currency has caused the fall in prices and the present distress.—Nebraska Independent.

Mr. Sovereign's Letter.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 6, 1896.
GEN. A. J. WARNER,
Pres. American B. L.
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:—
The kind invitation from yourself, Hon. H. G. Miller, Hon. R. C. Chambers, and Hon. J. M. Devine, to attend the conference at Washington, Jan. 22 was duly received, but other pressing engagements prevented my attendance at the meeting. However, I am pleased to inform you that the resolutions adopted, meet my most hearty approval, and as a member of the people's party, will do everything in my power to harmonize the forces for victory this year. The exigency of the times demand, and the working people require, that every member of every reform element in this country make every possible effort to unite the several divisions into one grand party, and with one national ticket for all, make a concerted campaign against the goldpower and the National Banks.

I entertain strong convictions on other great national questions, but I can wait longer for them to materialize into campaign issues, than our poor, destitute working people can wait for bread and shelter. I am willing to make the test, and measure swords with the organized plutocracy with the money question for the issue.

If we cannot win on that issue this year and secure a lasting victory for the common people, then there is no reform question now in the arena of public discussion on which a victory can be won during the next hundred years. The perfidy of the gold power, the greed of the bond grabbers, and the crimes of the administration, with the consequent suffering of the people, have brought the money question nearer the hearts of the industrial masses than has been any other question since the Civil War.

With the avowed purpose of pauperizing our people and destroying free government in this country, the plutocratic classes have combined the gold barons and the national banks of two continents to fight the battles of imperialism in America. They have increased our bonded debt under the pretext of maintaining a gold reserve, and that in such a way that at the maturity of the bonds it will cost the American people more than five hundred millions to keep one hundred millions intact for three years—obligated the people to the extent of five dollars to keep one cowardly, unpatriotic dollar in the vaults of the national treasury. With such an infamous record fresh in the minds of the people and the wreck and ruin wrought by the single gold standard everywhere visible, if we cannot unite forces and destroy the last leech of the money power in this country, we had better curse the graves of our forefathers and present an unconditional surrender to Cleveland, Morgan and the Rothschilds, or turn out the lamp in the watch tower and ask God to stop the sun six hours after it has gone down. If we fail to unite forces this year, we deserve to wear the yoke of bondage for all time to come.

There are honest, sincere reformers in this country who believe that the rapid concentration of wealth in the

hands of the few and the ever-growing poverty of the masses are portentous of a sweeping victory for the people within a very few years, and that it is better to wait for a general victory than to unite the elements and give battle to the enemy on a special issue. But let it be remembered that just in proportion as the money power grows in strength the people become weak and dependent. With dependence comes degradation, lassitude of moral character and laxity of vigilance, and no one understands this result better than the gold barons. They know that if they control the money of the nation they can absorb and monopolize the industries of the country and degrade the people, and that a degraded people will part with the last vestige of liberty for trivial and temporary consideration. Slaves can never free themselves, and therefore, if I had but one thought to utter this side of the grave, it would be to warn the common people of the very near approach to the point where their own weakness and dependence will bar the possibility of social and political corruption. Whenever the money power becomes stronger than the people, it will apply its arrogant lash with relentless fury, and liberty will be lost until through a reign of terror the oppressors have exhausted their force in the gloom of another night.

To form a union, I will not regeed from any declaration contained in the preamble of the Knights of Labor or the Omaha platform. Nor is it necessary. In this hour of national peril, when the hosts of mammon are marshalled against the liberty and prosperity of the people, it is necessary to centralize around the issues that will concentrate the industrial forces in one united attack on the most vulnerable point of the enemy's front. To my mind the resolutions of the Washington Conference referred to contemplate just that kind of a campaign, and should command the approval and support of every lover of justice and good government.

Respectfully yours,
J. R. SOVEREIGN.

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February 24th, 1896.
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